

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3 – 11 remain in this application. Claim 2 has been canceled. Claims 1 and 6 have been amended. Reconsideration of this application in view of the amendments noted is respectfully requested.

With respect to the claim amendments, independent claims 1 and 6 both have been amended to include the limitation that the terminal blocking agent (C) consists of carbodiimide compounds. Accordingly, claim 2 has been canceled.

Claims 1 – 5 and 7 – 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ueda et al. (JP 2003-147182, hereinafter “Ueda”) in view of Matsumoto et al. (JP 2002-030208, hereinafter “Matsumoto”). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

As suggested by the examiner in the Office Action, applicant has amended claim 1 such that the aliphatic polyester resin composition is limited to the combination of terminal blocking agent (C) being carbodiimide compounds and crosslinking agent (B) being (meth)acrylate compounds and polyvalent isocyanate compounds. Based upon this amendment, as well as the arguments and evidence presented in the previous Amendment And Request For Reconsideration, claim 1 is patentable over Ueda and Matsumoto. Claims 2 – 5 and 7 – 11, depending directly or indirectly from claim 1, are also patentable over Ueda and Matsumoto. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests that the Section 103(a) rejection of claims 1 – 5 and 7 – 11 as being unpatentable over Ueda and Matsumoto be withdrawn.

Claims 1 – 4 and 7 – 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kubo et al. (JP 2000-017037, hereinafter “Kubo”) in view of Matsumoto and in further view of Krishnan (U.S. Patent No. 5,500,465). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

As suggested by the examiner in the Office Action, applicant has amended claim 1 such that the aliphatic polyester resin composition is limited to including a terminal blocking agent (C) that is a carbodiimide compound. Based upon this amendment, as well

as the arguments and evidence presented in the previous Amendment And Request For Reconsideration, claim 1 is patentable over Kubo, Matsumoto, and Krishnan. Claims 2 – 4 and 7 – 10, depending directly or indirectly from claim 1, are also patentable over Kubo, Matsumoto, and Krishnan. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests that the Section 103(a) rejection of claims 1 – 4 and 7 – 10 as being unpatentable over Kubo, Matsumoto, and Krishnan be withdrawn.

Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ueda and Matsumoto, or Kubo, Matsumoto and Krishnan, in view of Miyamoto et al. (JP 2001-151871, hereinafter “Miyamoto”). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant incorporates by reference the arguments made above with respect to the patentability of claim 1 over the combination of Ueda and Matsumoto as well as the combination of Kubo, Masumoto, and Krishnan. None of these references alone or in combination disclose an aliphatic polyester resin composition including a terminal blocking agent (C) being carbodiimide compounds and a crosslinking agent (B) being (meth)acrylate compounds and polyvalent isocyanate compounds. It follows that none of these references disclose a method of making such an aliphatic polyester resin composition as claimed in claim 6. Furthermore, as argued in the previous Amendment And Request For Reconsideration, Miyamoto does not disclose an aliphatic polyester resin composition as claimed in claim 1. It follows that Miyamoto does not disclose a method of making such an aliphatic polyester resin composition as claimed in claim 6.

For all of these reasons, claim 6 is patentable over any combination of Ueda and Kubo with Miyamoto, or any combination of Kubo, Matsumoto, Krishnan with Miyamoto. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests that the Section 103(a) rejection of claim 6 as being unpatentable over Ueda and Matsumoto, or Kubo, Matsumoto, and Krishnan, in view of Miyamoto be withdrawn.

Claims 5 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kubo, Masumoto, and Krishnan in view of Kitazono et al. (JP 2002-338796, hereinafter “Kitazono”). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

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Applicant incorporates by reference the arguments made above with respect to the patentability of claim 1 over Kubo, Matsumoto, and Krishnan. Based upon those arguments, claim 1 is patentable over Kubo, Matsumoto, and Krishnan. Claims 5 and 11, depending directly or indirectly from claim 1, are also patentable over Kubo, Matsumoto, and Krishnan, and any combination of Kubo, Matsumoto, and Krishnan with Kitazono.

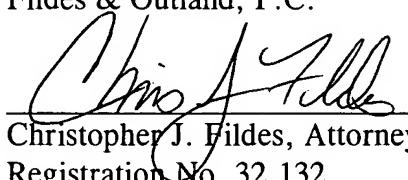
For this reason, applicant respectfully requests that the Section 103(a) rejection of claims 5 and 11 as being unpatentable over Kubo, Matsumoto, and Krishnan in view of Kitazono be withdrawn.

This amendment and request for reconsideration is believed to be fully responsive to the comments and suggestions of the examiner and to place this application in condition for allowance. Further, this amendment should be entered as it places the application in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal. No further search or consideration is required. Favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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